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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

Attorney Docket No.	19071-14
First Inventor	Ralph Roper
Title	SOFT-START, SOFT-RETURN GAS SPRING
Express Mail Label No.	EV332722780US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

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1. ☒ \*Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **56**]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross References to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing  
- Appendix or computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets **31**]  
☐ Informal ☒ Formal
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages **3**]  
a. ☒ Newly executed (copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
☐ paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).  
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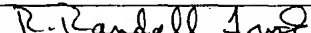
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Prior application information: Examiner: Melanie Torres Group / Art Unit: 3683

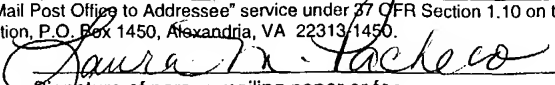
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Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility Filing Fee	375.00
1002	330	2002	165	Design Filing Fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$ 375.00)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

		Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	28	-20** = 8	X 9.00	= \$72.00
Independent Claims	2	-3** = 0	X	=
Multiple Dependent				=

Large Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1201	84	2201	42	Claims in excess of 20
1203	280	2203	140	Independent claims in excess of 3
1204	84	2204	42	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
				**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$ 72.00)

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's Action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's Action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding.	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other Fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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